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**Initial Proposal
Browns Meadow Timber Sale
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The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Kalispell Unit, is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcels:

Sections 16 24 26 & 36, Township 26N, Range 23W

The Browns Meadow Timber Sale is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Marion, Montana.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- To promote a healthy and productive forest into the future.
- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust
- Reduce fuel loading

The proposed project would harvest approximately 4 million board feet from 800 acres using commercial thin, seed tree, and shelterwood harvest prescriptions. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Road maintenance and improvement may be needed on existing access roads to improve function and drainage of the haul route. No new road construction is anticipated.

Noxious weed management, pile burning, and site preparation activities may occur after harvest operations have been completed. 465 acres of pre-commercial thinning may also occur as part of this project.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road plans are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **March 21st, 2019** to:

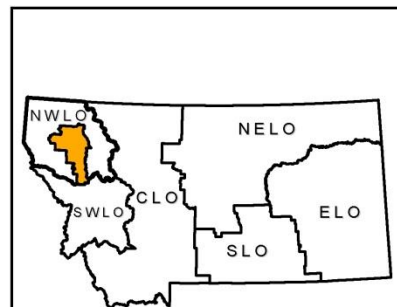
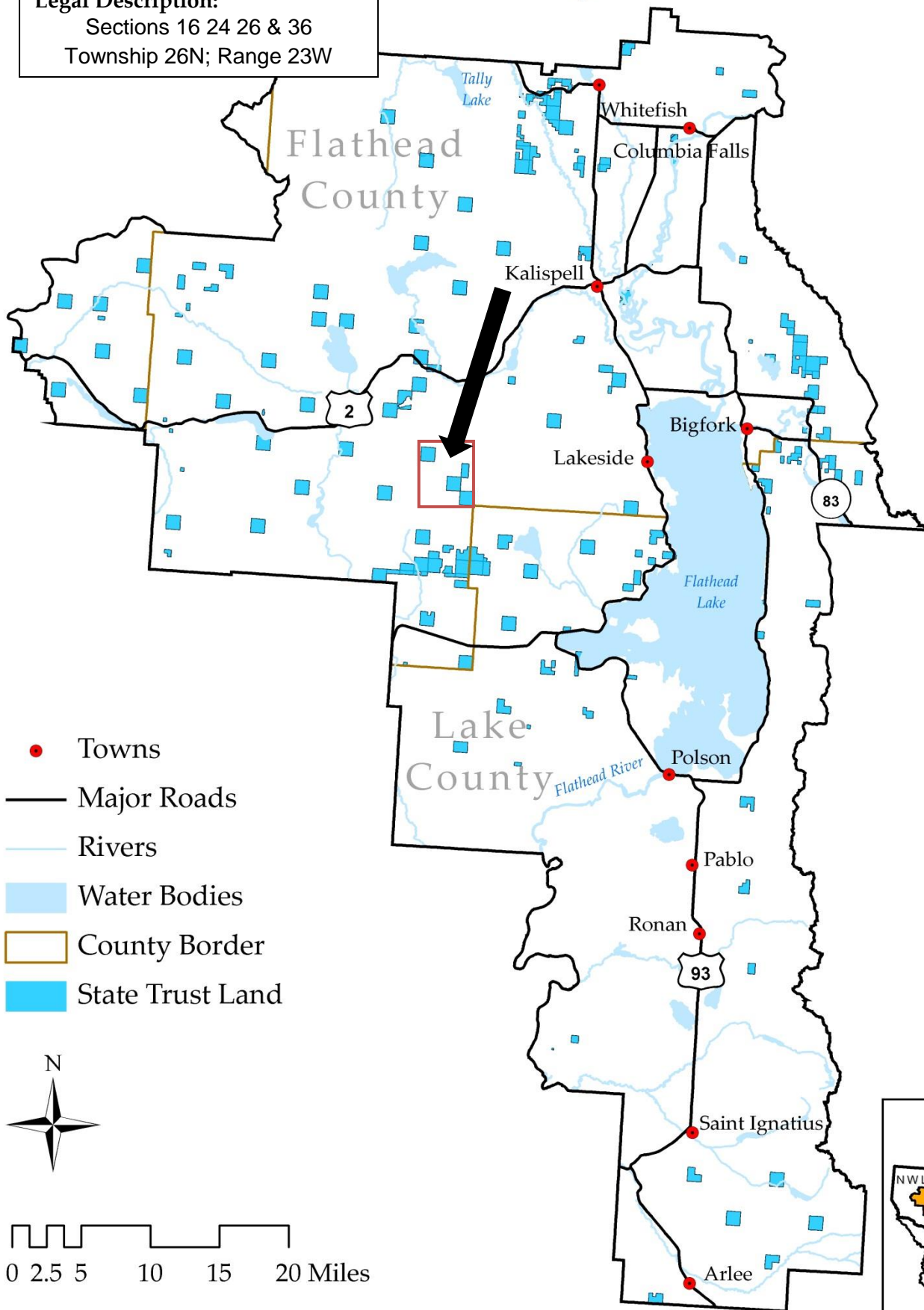
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BROWNS MEADOW VICINITY MAP KALISPELL UNIT



Legal Description:

Sections 16 24 26 & 36
Township 26N; Range 23W



Browns Meadow Timber Sale
Harvest Project Area Map
T26N R23W Sec.16,24,26,36
Flathead County



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